

In the Specification:

On page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 2 as follows:

The present application is related to United States Patent Application Serial No.

[[]]]09/642,879, entitled "SECURE DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL WITH KEY MANAGEMENT AND USER AUTHENTICATION", Attorney Docket No. 5577-208, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

On page 2, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 24 as follows:

Additional security systems are described in United States Patent Nos. 4,238,854, 4,757,533, 5,150,407, 5,235,641, 5,495,533, 5,563,946, 5,699,428, 5,719,941, 5,751,8415,751,814, 5,787,169, 5,841,871, 6,011,847 and 6,023,506.

On page 15, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 23 as follows:

Embodiments of the present invention may provide a suitable file encryption solution, with relatively few components, at a correspondingly small cost, while at the same time being designed in such a way that additional system components can be layered "on top" of embodiments of the present invention, to provide enhanced user authentication with the capability for greater granularity of access control. Such additional enhancements are described in detail in commonly assigned and concurrently filed United States Patent Application Serial No. [[]]]09/642,879, entitled "SECURE DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL WITH KEY MANAGEMENT AND USER AUTHENTICATION", Attorney Docket No. 5577-208, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.